

Development Plan for Manipur Sericulture Project

*152. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the "Definite Development Plan of Manipur Sericulture Projects" with foreign assistance, is pending at the Ministry level for approval thus causing delay in its

implementation;

(b) if so, the reasons for its delay; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for early clearance of the project?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RAN A): (a) to (c) A proposal titled "Definite Overall Development Plan (DODP)^w of the Manipur Sericulture Project seeking approval of the same for grant of external assistance was received from the Government of Manipur and referred by the Ministry to the Central Silk Board (CSB) for technical appraisal. Technical deficiencies in the proposal as pointed out by CSB were referred to the Government of Manipur for consideration and suitable rectification. The matter has since been under discussion, with appropriate followup action at the level of Government of Manipur as also at the level of the consultants engaged by the Manipur Government leading to revision of the proposal twice. The revised project document has been received in the Ministry recently (November 20, 2001).

Dialogue with NSCN (IM)

*153. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dialogue with National Socialist Council of Nagaland (IM) has run into rough weather;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and